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A collage of images illustrating community engagement and recruitment. The top half shows a group of people gathered outdoors, possibly at a community event or recruitment fair, with a person in a red shirt holding a white bag. The bottom half features a large, stylized white 'R' containing the word 'Recruiting' in a cursive font. Inside the 'R' is a photograph of a diverse group of people, including children and adults, standing together outdoors. The background of the collage shows a grassy area with a fence and some trees.



Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966

President, Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni,

There are a number of events held at Northwestern each year that I look forward to. One of those eagerly awaited events is Homecoming. I enjoy the opportunity to meet and visit with alumni from across the country, some of whom are returning to the campus for the first time in many years. Those who have not visited in a while are pleased to see the effort that goes into maintaining our beautiful campus and making it a better place for our students, faculty and staff.

Homecoming is also an excellent opportunity to honor alumni, faculty and friends of the university. We are proud of our alumni who have gone on to make a difference in the lives of others and improve the communities in which they live. Our faculty do an outstanding job of teaching students and helping prepare them for future careers. Many people who did not attend Northwestern come into contact with the university and find out what a special place it is and want to help us move forward. During Homecoming, we take time to tell people who have helped us how important they are to us.

The fall semester has been a very productive one for Northwestern. The university recently received high marks for the work we do in preparing teachers for the classroom. Completers of our programs were ranked as highly effective in adding value to the public schools in which they teach.

The university is creating more opportunities for our students who want to study outside the United States and learn about other cultures. The College of Education has started an exchange program with the Chungnam Province of South Korea. NSU students will be able to travel to South Korea to teach English in their schools and Korean students will come to Louisiana to teach.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is developing an exchange program with two universities in Canada, two in Mexico and the State University of New York at Cobleskill. The grant, "Building Bridges Through Culture, Cuisine, Agriculture and Tourism," will provide unique learning experiences for some of our students and introduce other students to our institutions.

Thank you again for all you do for Northwestern. I wish you and your family a happy holiday season.

Kevin McCotter,

Director of Alumni and Development

Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Development!

It is a great honor and challenge for me to assume responsibility for the Office of Alumni and Development at Northwestern. We have a terrific staff and serve a great alumni base. It is truly a pleasure to be affiliated with our students, faculty and administrators.

For decades, Northwestern has contributed to the vitality of Louisiana and our nation. My vision is for you to value your association with Northwestern and to take pride in these contributions and your own personal accomplishments, influenced by NSU.

In the Office of Alumni and Development, our commitment is to excellence in everything we do. You are a part of the past, as well as the present, of Northwestern and we are excited about continuing a mutually rewarding relationship with you in the future. I look forward to seeing you soon and invite you to call on me for assistance in any manner. Go Demons!



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Cover: Members of the Northwestern's recruiting team are, front row from left, Carolyn Gatti (2005, 2007), Jamila Maxie (2000), Jana Lucky (1988, 1992), Melanie McBride (2001), Becky Stephens, Nikki Ceasar (2007), Linda Walker and Ashlee Hewitt (2001). On the back row are Michael Puissegur (2007), Stephanie Lawrence (2006), Catherine Caldwell (2005), Ellen Dutsch (2003) and Steven Wood (2006).

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Attracting the Best and Brightest

Alumni play important role in recruiting students

In today's highly competitive climate, Northwestern's recruiting plan is focused on personalized attention. Using alumni to attract promising students is a focus of the university's recruiting model.

"Our alumni are our best recruiters. Alumni are particularly effective in helping with recruiting receptions. Ours are not just held in a hotel lobby. They are almost always hosted by an alumnus in their home, so the focus is on the experience that alumnus had at Northwestern."

—Jana Lucky (1992, 2001), director of University Recruiting

Eighty-five to 90 percent of the students who attend one of the approximately 15 recruiting receptions held around the state choose to enroll at Northwestern. The receptions take place throughout Louisiana and in 2008 will include a Dallas-area event.

"Those receptions are attention-getting because they take place during the decision months, February and March," Lucky said.

Dr. Roy Divittorio (1993) and his wife Kim hosted a recruiting reception in their Covington home.

"I enjoyed talking to the prospective students and telling them about the NSU experience. My college years were some of the best times of my life. Talking with the students and their parents was an opportunity to reflect on my experiences and answer questions," Divittorio said. "The students and their parents appreciated the personal interaction with the NSU staff and alumni. I hoped the event would target high achieving students from this area to showcase NSU."

Northwestern's recruiters cover specific zones in Louisiana and each attend 40 to 50 college fairs a year, 320 to 400 as a staff, where they gather information from students interested in the university and add them to a database. The prospective students receive calendars of events,

view books, applications, reminders and invitations to special events. After the fairs, the recruiters arrange visits to schools and interact with prospective students through guidance counselors to present information about academics, student involvement, and applications for scholarships and housing.

"We go to every school in the state and as many as possible in east Texas," Lucky said.

Any event that draws a high school

student to campus, such as camps, workshops, athletic events or academic competitions, is a recruiting opportunity.

"We work with every area of the university," Lucky said. "If someone in an academic department is hosting something that is bringing prospective students to campus, we want to know about it so we can be there to get their information."

Students who participated in this past summer's Boys and Girls State program at Northwestern will be tracked to determine that program's effect on enrollment. The feedback from Boys and Girls state has been very positive, Lucky said.

Because it would be impossible for the recruiters to attend every college fair in east Texas, Lucky and her staff created the Alumni in Marketing (AIM) program, in which alumni represent the university at fairs by setting up an information table, having students complete inquiry cards and answer questions.

Michael Cox (1997) has worked events in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for the past five years at Duncanville High School, Waxahachie High School, Irving ISD, Cleburn High School and Rio Vista, where he is currently director of bands.

"I received a lot of positive responses, and was surprised to see that NSU is recognized a lot in the DFW area," he said. "I have also run into several NSU

alumni at each event as well. Most of the time students ask about programs, cost of attendance, and scholarships. Occasionally they will ask about classes."

A native of Longview, Texas, Cox first became aware of NSU while watching a Spirit of Northwestern marching band performance at a marching contest. He later attended a summer music camp. After attending a Texas junior college for two years, he selected Northwestern over a Texas university because he and his family were made to feel welcome when they visited the campus.

"The university did a lot for me and for that I will always be grateful. That is why I jumped at the chance to help with the recruiting efforts," he said.

"When talking to prospective students, I tell them that the university is uniquely able to give you the education of a large university without feeling like one," he said. "Students know their professors in their major subject areas, and can come to them for assistance or just extra tutoring. The campus is beautiful and gets more so thanks to all of the improvements being made. Cost of attendance is outstanding especially when compared to Texas schools."

Megan Sandlin Bostick (2005), a former NSU recruiter has also been working events in the Dallas area since last summer.

"I was already very familiar with the AIM program and I know how important it is to have our alumni help with the recruiting process," she said. "I plan on doing as much as I can to help. So far I have done the college programs at the high schools where I set up a table with over 100 other universities, and the student browse."

Bostick said she gets good response even though she is often competing for attention with bigger universities.

"A lot of them were very impressed when they heard about everything that NSU has to offer and when they also found out that it is really only about four hours from their home," she said. The prospective students typically seek infor-

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Best and Brightest

mation about the city, academic programs, athletic programs, student/teacher ratio, housing and scholarships while parents are most interested in admissions criteria, campus organizations, safety and financial aid.

Anyone interested in helping with a college fair can contact Ellen Dutsch (2003), AIM coordinator.

“Alumni can also refer students directly to the recruiting office. That is a huge recruiting tool and we want to continue that. The students who are referred get top priority. The alumni are great about sending us names and those prospective students get very special treatment.”

—Jana Lucky

Events like Senior Day draw prospective students and their families to campus. Last year, the recruiters hosted 440 prospective students with their families, totaling more than 1,000 guests for that one event. Senior Day includes a guest speaker, academic browse, organizational browse, lunch, tours of campus and of the city, a visit to the book-

store, tailgating and special seating at a football game.

Technology has made it much easier to keep the prospective students informed. This year, a Facebook group for high school students was added.

“We add something different every year and send out mass e-mails to remind prospective students of things

with links to the website,” Lucky said. “We remind them about scholarship deadlines. We sent out an e-mail on how to download the fight song

and are working on a virtual tour of campus in which students click on a map to see pictures of residential facilities and other buildings like the WRAC.”

The office also uses a pivot table database to sort students into various demographics, such as city, school, gender or area of interest, so the prospective students can receive personalized e-mails

about topics of specific interest to them. They are also creating a parent database to communicate with parents about deadlines.

Director of Enrollment Services Dr. Mary Edith Stacy (1991, 1996) oversees recruiting, admissions and financial aid, three critical areas for incoming students. Her staff connects prospective students to the academic side of college life by making sure each applicant complies with admissions criteria and meets enrollment standards. Each year, Stacy sets realistic budget projections and goals for recruiters, and informs high schools about changes in admissions policies and standards.

“If you look at it in a business sense, the buying patterns of college students have not changed,” she said. “We examine why students leave and project trends based on behavior patterns.”

Fall 2007 enrollment exceeded Stacy’s projections by only about a dozen students.

In addition to traditional first-time college freshmen, a

large focus of recruiting is on transfer students, particularly from community colleges, and adult learning populations.

“Those students get a very personalized experiences with recruiting, and many of them are referred by alumni,” Lucky said. “Alumni often encourage non-traditional students to go back to college, to finish their degrees. That part of recruiting is very specialized and very personal.”

“We focus on relationships and being a personal attention university.

The message is that Northwestern is large enough to service you and small enough to know you.”

To refer a student, call University Recruiting at (318) 357-4503 or (800) 327-1903, or e-mail luckyj@nsula.edu.

To learn more about the AIM program, contact Ellen Dutsch at (318) 357-4613 or e-mail her at dutsche@nsula.edu.



Last August, University officials and others took part in the groundbreaking for the second phase of new campus housing on the old site of Rapides Hall. A new \$17.7 million residence hall, University Place II, will be built on the site and should be ready for the fall 2008 semester. Attending the ceremony were, from left, NSU Vice President for External

Affairs Jerry Pierce, State Rep. Taylor Townsend, John Chachere and Jim Short of Campus Living Villages, Mike Gray of Spring Valley Construction, Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Northwestern Student Government Association President Shayne Creppel, Pat Johnson of Regional Construction Company, NSU Director of Enrollment Services Dr. Mary Edith Stacy, Clerk of the Works George Minturn, NSU Dean of Students and Assistant Provost for Student Success Dr. Chris Maggio, NSU Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Kelly, financial consultant Toby Cortez of Sisung Securities, Northwestern Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas Hanson, Troy Bayham of Campus Living Villages, Northwestern Vice President for Business Affairs Carl Jones, NSU Executive Assistant to the President Robert Crew, Jimmy Long, chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, former Northwestern Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Dan Seymour and NSU Facilities Coordinator Billy Barton.



My fellow alumni:

Chris Maggio

It is hard to believe that this is my 20th year to work at Northwestern State University. For the last eight years, I've had the honor serving you as Director of Alumni. I vividly remember when I began in the Alumni Office saying to myself, "if I can only do half as good a job as my predecessors, then I know I will have succeeded." My immediate predecessor, Dr. Steve Horton, did a tremendous job with organizing and structuring the office, and who can forget long-time Director Elise James, and her colorful personality and unwavering love of NSU!

I now turn the page, and it is with optimism that I have accepted a new role at Northwestern, Dean of Students and Assistant Provost for Student Success. My initial thoughts are to remember some the deans that held this position at NSU: Leonard Nichols, Dudley Fulton, Fred Bosarge, Fred Fulton, Dan Seymour, and Lucile Hendricks just to name a few, and a special thanks to my predecessor, Dr. Patrice Moulton. I look forward to emulating their successes in working hand-in-hand with the students on a daily basis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Director of Alumni and Development, Mr. Kevin McCotter.

I hope that you will get to know Kevin and offer him the same encouragement that you have to me. I know that he will sustain and exceed the success we are enjoying. The best years are ahead for our school.

It has been a privilege to know and work with you. Thank you for your friendship, your generosity and your continued support of me and of Northwestern State University.

McCotter named Director of Alumni and Development

Kevin McCotter has been named acting director of the Office of Alumni and Development at Northwestern State University. The Office of Alumni and Development works to promote the educational and cultural welfare of Northwestern State University through student scholarships, research activities and other benefits for the University, its faculty and students.

McCotter brings an extensive professional and civic background to the position. He began working for BellSouth in 1972 and served the company in various capacities throughout Louisiana during a 34-year career. He retired from BellSouth in 2006 as regional director of north and western Louisiana.

McCotter is an active member of the community having served in various organizations. He is the president of Campus Facilities, Inc., which developed and built the new \$55 million campus for Bossier Parish Community College. He is the vice president of the Military Affairs Council, and was responsible for the 2007 Barksdale Air Show and Celebrate Barksdale event. McCotter has been a member of the NSU Foundation Board and also served in leadership positions on the boards of numerous civic and statewide organizations. He has participated in many educational ventures including serving as a board member, vice chairman and chairman of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Board of Supervisors.

"I am delighted and honored to be in this position," said McCotter. "Northwestern is a great institution with a rich history and a tremendous number of assets that should allow us to continue developing the programs of the NSU Foundation and the Alumni Association."

McCotter plans to have the Alumni Association and Foundation work closely with the university's academic departments to gain external support from alumni and friends of the university. He also intends to increase Northwestern's involvement in economic development in the region and the state.

"Northwestern is in the knowledge business," he said. "It is tremendously satisfying to represent the university in its philanthropic relationships with our stakeholders. Northwestern helps prepare people for productive lives and contributes to a thriving economy."

NSU is wrapping up its first capital campaign, exceeding its goal of \$18.84 million by more than \$13 million and McCotter plans to build on that momentum along with the increased awareness among Northwestern supporters about the positive impact of private giving.

"I want to be able to increase the number of endowed scholarships and professorships and grow the endowment," he said. "We want to increase our entrepreneurship in designing planned giving opportunities that create a win/win situation for those who support the university."

A West Virginia native, McCotter grew up in Shreveport. He received an MBA from the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University.



Kevin McCotter and Chris Maggio

Four distinguished alumni inducted

Four Northwestern State University graduates were selected as the 2007 inductees into the Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line. The honorees are, Bryant Lewis of Haynesville, John A. Manno, Jr., of Bossier City, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Charles W. "Chuck" Thomas of Alexandria, Va., and David Wright of Natchitoches.

Lewis owns and operates Magnolia Pulpwood Company along with timberland holdings. He has been active in a number of local professional, civic and religious organizations including the Claiborne Parish and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, the Haynesville Lions Club and the Haynesville United Methodist Church.

"I always felt at home at Northwestern," said Lewis. "I was able to make a number of lifelong friends while I was in college. I was also fortunate to have a number of outstanding faculty such as Mr. Kenneth Durr, Mr. Robert Easley and more. So

many of them were so knowledgeable. They really prepared you for the world after college."

Manno is vice president and co-owner of Southland Printing Co. in Shreveport. He is a board member for the Volunteers of America and the American Red Cross Northwest Louisiana Chapter. Manno has also been a member of the board and past president of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Shreveport/Bossier, a member of the Krewe of Gemini and on the board of directors of the Strand Theatre and the University Club. He has also been active in Holy Trinity and St. Pius X Catholic Church.

"One of the things I have set out to do is try to make a positive difference in my community and in the world," he said. "I promised myself that I would do that once I had the financial ability to do so."

A native of Natchitoches, Thomas earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Northwestern. He

was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in 1969 and retired from active duty in 2001 after 32 years of service as a major general.

After retiring from active duty, he became vice president of Army and Marine Corps programs for BAE Systems. His father, Dr. Charles F. Thomas, is also a member of the Long Purple Line, making them the first father/son combination to gain this recognition.

"To put it mildly I was pleased and surprised. I'm a great fan of my father, Dr. Charles F. "Red" Thomas, and am truly honored to join him in the Long Purple Line," said Gen. Thomas. "Frankly, I'm humbled to be there not only with him, but also with the marvelous list of truly wonderful graduates of Northwestern."

Wright is regional sales manager for Fortune 500 company Forest Pharmaceuticals. He has been with the company for 17 years and has been a member of the President's



who is Dowty's daughter, Lloyd Ponder, his wife Joyce Ponder and Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. Lloyd Ponder was in the Army Air Corps and fought at Battan and Corregidor in World War II. He spent more than three years in a Japanese POW camp before being released. Lloyd Ponder later earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Northwestern and had a successful career as an educator in vocational-technical schools.

Lloyd Ponder (1949) of Natchitoches was honored as the first recipient of the The Norman Taylor Dowty Patriotism Award at Northwestern State University's Homecoming banquet. The award will be presented to an alumnus for heroism, patriotism and distinguished service to our country. The award committee will meet annually to consider prospective honorees but will present the award only in years when it is determined by the committee that there is an especially worthy and deserving individual to be honored with this special award. Attending the presentation were (from left) Amy Lore,

into NSU's Long Purple Line



Four Northwestern State University graduates were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, as part of Homecoming activities. This year's honorees were (from left) Maj. Gen. (ret.) Charles W. "Chuck" Thomas of Alexandria, Va., David Wright of Natchitoches, Bryant Lewis of Haynesville and John A. Manno, Jr. of Bossier City. They are shown with NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Club. Wright manages nine district managers, 140 sales representatives and 10 specialty sales representatives responsible for generating \$50 million in sales. From 1985 until 1990,

he was a sales representative and regional sales manager for UAD Laboratories, Inc.

A standout football player at Northwestern, he was chosen for

induction into the Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame. Wright was a football coach at St. Mary's High School and Claiborne Academy before beginning his career in pharmaceutical sales.



Dr. Terry M. McConathy of Ruston (left) and Susan Waddell of Shreveport (right) were presented with the President's Distinguished Service Award by NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb at Northwestern State University's annual Homecoming Banquet. McConathy, executive vice president and dean of the Graduate School at Louisiana Tech, assisted Northwestern as it went through reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Waddell, a former educator, has helped Northwestern in development and other important projects.

Homecoming 2007



2007 inductees into the College of Education Hall of Distinguished Educators were, from left, Dr. Maurice E. Dennis, Jean McGlothlin Doerge, Bob McLemore, Ann V. Dauzat and Leonard Wayne Hennigan



Sherry Fargerson Morgan, Monty Chicola and Kenneth Moran were among the 2007 inductees into the NSU College of Business Hall of Distinction. From left are Dr. Jerry L. Wall, dean of the college; Fargerson, Chicola and Moran. Not shown are inductees Jim Bridges and Juanita Coutee.



Seven men were enshrined in the Graduate N Club Hall of Fame, the highest athletic honor issued by Northwestern State University. Pictured after their introduction at the homecoming football game were football and track star Ted Simon, national championship gymnastics coaches Armando Vega and Fred Martinez, along with Maureen Floyd, mother of football standout Bill Johnson; Joe Raymond Peace, Johnson's position coach from 1975-78, and football stars Kevin Lewis and Keith Hodnett. Not pictured is gymnastics coach Jeff Hennessy.



Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J. Webb honored the 2007 recipients of the Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual Homecoming banquet. This year's recipients were, from left, Dr. Rondo Keele, Louisiana Scholars' College; Connie Melder, College of Education; Webb; Dr. Susan Barnett, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Rick Tarver, College of Business; and Dr. Frank Serio, College of Science and Technology. Also receiving the award was Debra Shelton, College of Nursing.



The first ever NSU Gymnastics Team Reunion took place this year during Homecoming festivities. Gymnasts from 1950-1970 were invited to reunite and celebrate with former team members. In attendance for the reunion were 30 former gymnasts accompanied by 50 guests. The reunion reception offered recognition to some of NSU's most accomplished athletes.

New York City



Attending the alumni gathering at Jacques-imo's in New York on Sept. 29 were Henry Manns (1961), Michael Chance (1973), Himanshu Singh (1998) and Dr. Jack Wann, NSU professor emeritus of theatre.



Getting acquainted were Denise Patrick (1977), Kathy Merten (2000), Dan Houlihan, Paula Miniatis and George Miniatis.

Bloomington, Ill.



NSU graduates employed with State Farm gathered at Los Potrillos in Bloomington, Ill., on Aug. 10.



Chicago-area alumni gathered Aug. 11, at O'Donovan's Pub & Restaurant: From left are Chris Maggio (1985, 1991), Patricia Fee, Kelvin Fee (1982), Drake Owens (2004, 2005), William Broussard (2000), Kim Bayma (2006), Elaine Marx and Michael Marx (1965).

Homecoming Golf Tournament



The first place team in the Alumni Golf Tournament held Oct. 26 included, from left, Victor Jones, Jay Bankston, Stuart Wright (1977) and Francis Deloney.



The team of Loye Wilson, Sidney Williams (1986), Pete Cramer and Ric Ellis (1986) won third place in the golf tournament.



Ken Rams, Justin Mann, Jarrod Cox (1997) and Hall Adams (1997) earned second place in the Oct. 26 Homecoming golf tournament.



Jack Brittain (1979), in front, Ken Meeks (1977), Tammy Trichell and Jeff Dalton joined the fun in the Alumni Golf Tournament.

SPOTLIGHTS

• Marguerite Hudson (1949, 1973) presented a copy of her first book, a historical novel entitled "Whiskey Chitto Women," to Fleming Thomas, director of Libraries at NSU. The novel is based on family stories about Hudson's great-grandparents, Ellen and Aaron Johnson, and their experiences during the Civil War.

Hudson noted she was making the presentation in honor of her former student, Dr. Randall J. Webb, NSU president, and in memory of his father, Joe Webb, who was her professor at Northwestern.

The book was selected as the Book of the Year by the Southwest Louisiana Technical College system. Hudson was recognized at a banquet in Lake Charles in October.

Hudson is a retired English teacher. She resides in Benton with her husband Billy (1948). More information is available at her website www.mwhudson.com.



Bedard was an All-American gymnast who had lived in Texas and graduated college before enlisting in the Army.

"The Vietnam War had made an impression on my body and soul that would last a lifetime," Bedard wrote. "The war was a life-changing experience for me."

Bedard's autobiography also recounts his return to the United States after Vietnam and tells of the frustrating way veterans of that war were treated. His book also reveals how Bedard realized he could not fit back into the life he knew in America before the war and recounts how he eventually came to grips with the man he had become.

It took Dr. Bedard, a Professor Emeritus of Centenary College, decades to write about his experiences in Vietnam.

For further information on the book, contact Mitchell Uscher at Lllumina Press, at mitch@llumina.com.

• Winnie Dowden Wyatt (1953) has penned her third novel, "The Peeled Ones Have Come," which describes events during an American family's three-year stay in Nigeria. Wyatt served as a missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, where she worked with children's literature and has published several stories and articles from that era. Her first two novels were "The Little Dry," set in Africa, and "Thee Glass Windows," set in rural America.

Wyatt and her husband live on a small Angus ranch in Glen Rose, Texas, and are the parents of four grown sons. Information about Wyatt's book can be found e-mailing billw3r@hotmail.com.

• Jeff Harris (1985), a graduate in Electronic Engineering Technology has been promoted to director of corporate telecommunication managing employees in 27 states. Harris has been employed since graduation with Texas Gas Transmission in Kentucky.

• Gary Fields (1982, 1984) was presented with the second annual North Star News Prize on Nov. 17, 2007, in New York City. The North Star News Prize recognizes people of color who have made outstanding contributions to journalism, media and communications. The name comes from the anti-slavery newspaper, the North Star, founded by Frederick Douglass in 1847. The News Prize acknowledges outstanding journalism and media professionals who have taken Douglass' words to heart: "In order for justice to be done, we must not be silent."

Fields is a member of the Long Purple Line and currently works for the Wall Street Journal.

Correction

• Alumnus **Jeff Hennessy** (1951, 1958) was incorrectly identified in the Fall edition of Alumni Columns. Hennessy is a noted athlete and trampoline coach, who is a member of the N Club. He is a Lafayette resident.

• Cindy McAbee Chapman (1988) is doing on-camera work for a new concept show called KARE onLIVE for KARE 11 TV in Minneapolis, Minn., the first and only show of its kind in the country for a local news market. Chapman stepped down from producing the 10 p.m. newscast and is now the live on-line chat person daily at 4 p.m. on the station and appears during the show reading comments from the audience.

"We are on TV and the internet so you can watch us on the air or on-line. Our show is then streamed for 24 hours so people can watch any time of day," Chapman said. "The coolest part of the show is that we take live chat during the show. That's where I come in. I monitor the chat and then talk about it on the air." The link is www.kare11.com/onlive.

• David L. Bedard (1968, 1972) has published a new Vietnam War memoir, "I Remember Quan Loi: Annus Horribilis (The Horrible Year)." In his book, Bedard calls Vietnam "the Baby Boomers' Iraq" and writes of the horrors and loneliness he faced as a young Army soldier stationed in Quan Loi, an isolated hilltop outpost in the jungles of Vietnam.

Jones named University Affairs VP

Marcus Jones has been named vice president for University Affairs at NSU. Jones will be responsible for the oversight of construction projects, maintenance, custodial and general upkeep of all university facilities and grounds.

Jones brings an extensive academic, business and legal background to the position. Jones is a graduate of Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance, a master's in international trade and finance from Grambling State University and a law degree from Southern University Law Center where he was managing editor of the Southern Law Review. He also studied international business and finance at the University of Plymouth in Plymouth, England.

Jones has been a member of Northwestern's faculty from 1994 to 1996 as an instructor of business and from 1999 to the present. He was an assistant professor of business law and international business from 1999 until 2005 when he was promoted to associate professor. While on the faculty, he has taught courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, computer information

systems, Microsoft Office, business law, international business, public school law and personal finance.

Since 1999, Jones has maintained a private law practice. He has also been treasurer and consultant of the Northwest Louisiana Athletic League and has served in several capacities including co-editor of "Callaloo," a literary magazine based at Texas A&M.

Jones has also been treasurer and a consultant to the Ben D. Johnson Educational Foundation and finance/accounts manager and consultant for the Ben D. Johnson Construction and Finance Co. In his role with the construction and finance company, Jones supervised subcontractors at construction sites, managed the company's operating budget, provided financial oversight and worked in economic development.



100 Years of Football



Members of the Top 100 are introduced at halftime of the Henderson State game on Sept. 1.

Family establishes David and Sam Gallien Athletic Scholarship

From the 1890s through today, Northwestern State University has played a vital part in the Gallien family tradition. Their love for NSU, and support for NSU Athletics, has led to the establishment of The David and Sam Gallien Athletic Scholarship.

The Gallien brothers were Northwestern alumni and avid supporters of the NSU athletic program who would thoroughly enjoy watching one of their family members, Lyndzee Greene, playing today for the Lady Demons basketball team. She is a sophomore guard who led the team with 31 3-point baskets last season.

The Gallien Scholarship was initiated with a donation of \$2,500 from Mike and Andrea Gallien, Houston residents who are longstanding Select 100 NSU Athletic Association donors. They have committed to fully funding the scholarship through



Family members gathered to celebrate the creation of The David and Sam Gallien Athletic Scholarship were Thomas Chester, Cindy Chester, Christina Chester, Tommy Chester, Mike Gallien, along with Mackenzie Greene and current Lady Demon basketball player Lyndzee Greene, and their mother, Linda Gallien Greene.

personal contributions, along with donations from other family members and friends.

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Jermaine Wallace, a noted member of the Demon basketball team, was congratulated by Dr. Randall J. Webb upon his graduation in December 2006.

NSU student athletes excel in the classroom

Northwestern State again ranks high in an NCAA survey assessing the academic performance by its student-athletes, with a strong showing throughout the athletics program in the NCAA Graduation Success Rate report issued in October.

The NCAA's report "graded" all teams at Division I institutions by tracking the percentage of their student-athletes who graduated. This year's data tracks student-athletes entering school from 1997-2000 by sport.

The graduation success rate (GSR) gives a more accurate account of how schools and athletes are doing than the federal graduation rates the NCAA previously used, and which the U.S.

Department of Education still subscribes to, according to the NCAA. The GSR counts transfers into and out of a college; the federal method does not.

Among the 12 Division I Louisiana schools, eight of 10 Northwestern teams had a GSR in the top half. The men's basketball program and the softball team at NSU led the state with their graduation rates. The Lady Demon basketball team ranked second and baseball was third in the state. Women's cross country/track and field ranked fourth, while men's cross country/track and field, along with tennis, stood fifth, and football was sixth statewide.

Among the dozen Southland Conference member institutions, Northwestern had eight of its 10 sports ranked in the upper third, fourth or higher. The Demon basketball team also led all conference members, with women's basketball and baseball ranking second, while softball, women's soccer and men's cross country/track and field ranked third, and football and women's cross country stood fourth. Women's tennis was fifth.

"Graduating student-athletes is the ultimate goal at Northwestern State University and it is wonderful that the most recent NCAA Graduation Success Rate report shows we are doing that well," said director of athletics Greg Burke. "Credit goes to Academic Advisor Julie Lessiter, the NSU coaching staff, and our outstanding faculty and the administration for making academic success a priority at NSU. The university's academic support system, provides our student-athletes with an excellent opportunity to earn a degree."

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Gallien Athletic Scholarship

"Northwestern State University has long played an important role in my life and in the lives of many members of the Gallien and Miller families. As an alum (NSU '81), I take great pride in the fact that I was a fourth generation graduate, beginning with my great-grandmother attending Normal in the 1890s," said Mike Gallien. "My dad, Sam, also took great pride in the fact that he received both his B.S. (1958) and M.S. (1962) from the then Northwestern State College. Both Sam and (his brother) David cherished their days at Northwestern and appreciated the opportunities that an education at a regional state university afforded them. I, too, appreciate the education that I received at NSU and I have been blessed beyond measure, due in part to that education."

Throughout their lives, Sam and David strongly supported Northwestern. Sam, who suffered an untimely death (cancer) at age 37 in 1970, instilled a love for the university to all who knew him. David, a 1963 graduate of NSC, was a lifelong resident of Natchitoches, and a member of the NSU Athletic Association.

Sam and David were the uncles of Tommy Chester, longtime member of both the NSU Alumni and Athletic Association boards.



Don Purser never missed a chance to brag about his alma mater, Northwestern State, and he regaled friends, family and anyone who would listen with tales illustrating his love for NSU and, as a former football player, his pride in the Demons and Lady Demons.

After Mr. Purser's passing, it could not have been more appropriate for Mrs. Purser and the family to establish The Don Purser Memorial Scholarship supporting student-athletes, and for an already annual summer event in his hometown of Winnfield to be renamed "The Don Purser Memorial Golf Tournament."

The Purser Scholarship will benefit a fifth-year or summer school scholarship for a Demon football player. Four-year starter Jason O'Brien of Abbeville was the initial recipient last year.

NSU Demon Data

... news and notes from athletics

Reunion dates are set for NSU Demon and Lady Demon basketball. Former players, coaches, staff members, managers and trainers, along with family and friends, are invited to take part in the annual reunions.

Coach Jennifer Graf and the Lady Demons will host their reunion on Saturday, Feb. 9, in conjunction with the 2 o'clock Southland Conference game in Prather Coliseum against Central Arkansas.

Coach Mike McConathy and the Demons are staging their reunion on Saturday, March 1, when NSU plays host to Southeastern in a 2 p.m. SLC battle at Prather Coliseum.

Reunion participants have enjoyed meals, game tickets, halftime recognitions and meeting the current players and coaches.

For additional information, call the NSU basketball offices at 318-357-5891 (women) or 318-357-4274 (men), and check the www.nsudemons.com website.

SLC Basketball Tournament set for metro Houston

There's a new venue but the same general location for this season's Southland Conference Basketball Tournament. The event, March 12-16, will be played in the beautiful Merrell Center in Katy, Texas, on the west side of Houston.

NSU athletics has a block of 200 tickets for seats with fans of the Demons and Lady Demons. Those seats are available exclusively through the NSU athletic ticket office (318-357-4268), and any tickets not sold to supporters must be charged to the NSU athletic department.

The Demons have played in three straight SLC Tournament championship games. The Lady Demons have played in nine. Both teams are projected to have strong seasons.

Davis takes over Demons' dugout

The new head baseball coach at Northwestern isn't new to the Demons at all. After serving as pitching coach at NSU for the last seven seasons, three in which the Demons won Southland Conference championships, Jon Paul Davis was promoted in July to take charge.

Davis succeeds Mitch Gaspard, head coach for the past six seasons, who resigned in June to become the No. 1 assistant to former NSU head coach Jim Wells at the University of Alabama.

Since Wells arrived and revitalized Northwestern's program, the Demons have won nine of the last 17 SLC championships with 654 wins, a .602 winning percentage, and six 40-win seasons since 1990, best by any conference team.

Davis, 36, was hired by John Cohen prior to the 2001 season in which Northwestern won the SLC title with a 38-17 mark. Gaspard retained him after Cohen's departure following the 2001 season, and the Demons immediately won another SLC title. The third Southland crown won in his tenure came in 2005, when NSU set a league marks with 22 wins and an .815 winning percentage in league play (22-5) and a record six-game margin in the league standings.

Known as "J.P.," Davis received ringing endorsements from Gaspard, former and current players and emerged from a four-week national search as the choice to lead the NSU program.

One of his craftiest pitchers, left-hander Zach Sanches (2001-03), was the winning pitcher over third-ranked LSU as a sophomore.

"Coach D' was one of the main reasons I was successful at NSU. I had a terrible fall my first year but he stuck with me and turned my career around," said Sanchez, now district sales manager for Association Member Benefits Advisors. "He is tenacious, he's a winner, and he gets the most out of you."

Second Century drive aims to enhance outdoor athletic facilities



Northwestern State athletics has unveiled plans for a new facility enhancement project to dramatically improve the appearance of all outdoor facilities.

The project, once completed in early 2008, will not only increase student-athletes' and coaches' pride in their facilities and improve the fan experience, but also serve as an excellent recruiting tool and improve the perception of the NSU athletic department locally, regionally, and even nationally.

The Second Century Circle Athletic Stadium Enhancement Project (SCCASEP) will feature the installation of beautiful decorative iron fencing replacing all chain-link fencing surrounding Brown-Stroud Field (baseball), The Demon Diamond (softball), The Walter Ledet Track and Field Complex (Track and Field), and Turpin Stadium (football). The improvements will also feature elegant seven-foot brick columns, modeled after those featured at the entrances to Northwestern, and 10-foot columns that will mark the entrances at the baseball, track, and softball complexes.

The final product will result in a metaphorical linking between all of the Demon Athletics outdoor facilities, and also pay homage to local architectural history and culture while drawing influences from across campus, seamlessly blending with the beautiful brick pillars that surround the campus.

The corresponding campaign, entitled the Second Century Circle, will serve as the funding vehicle that will ensure that the Northwestern Athletic Association can completely fund the project and ensure its timely completion. The name of the project speaks to Demon Athletics entering its second century of competition, with 2007 marking the 100th year of intercollegiate athletics at NSU. With a total cost of \$725,000 to complete the project and \$400,000 secured from multiple sources, the Athletic Association needs to raise a total of \$325,000 to complete the project. The Second Century Circle includes three levels of support, corresponding to the amount donated toward completion of the project.

"One surely can appreciate the impact that this project will have on these facilities, the teams that play there, the athletic department, and the university," said Director of Athletics Greg Burke. "Recruiting will receive a major boost because 18-year olds definitely consider the quality of facilities in their signing-day decisions. On a daily basis, everyone associated with the athletic department will feel good about the appearance of these facilities."



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Foundation News

❖ A scholarship has been established at Northwestern State University in memory of Cheryl Perot Donaho (1974, 2003) to benefit a student seeking a degree in education or business.

First preference will given to a female graduate of St. Mary's School in Natchitoches with a high level of extracurricular activity. Second preference will be given to a female student seeking alternative certification. Donaho, a native of Natchitoches, attended St. Mary's where she played softball and was involved in other extracurricular activities. After earning undergraduate and master's degrees, she was a teacher and coach at St. Mary's for several years before joining the faculty at Northwestern, where she taught for four years, while remaining actively involved with the St. Mary's Lady Tigers softball team.

Donaho passed away July 7, 2007.

❖ The family of Northwestern State University alumni William A. Daniel Jr. and Edna Ruth Hearron Daniel have established a memorial scholarship fund through the NSU Foundation.

Mr. Daniel graduated from Sibley High School and attended Louisiana State Normal College, now NSU, on the WBA program. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, served during World War II and retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1963. He was the primary founder and principal officer of the Daniel Agency in Morgan City from 1971-1992. He passed away July 24, 2007.

Mrs. Daniel was a graduate of Minden High School and completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in music education at Northwestern. She was a professional music educator and founder of the first band and music program at Patterson High School, 1963-1970, and was a principal officer of the Daniel Agency from 1971-1992. She died in 1998.

❖ A Monroe couple has created a scholarship to benefit a freshman from Montgomery High School attending Northwestern State University. The Bob and Norma Williamson Scholarship will be presented to an entering freshman student in the amount of \$500 per semester. William and Kathy Williamson created the scholarship to honor his parents.

"They were good, heard working folks who believed in me and my getting an education and supported me all the way," Mr. Williamson said. "I wanted to do something in their honor."

Williamson graduated from Montgomery High School in 1957 and earned a degree in accounting at Northwestern in 1961. He later earned an MBA from Pepperdine University and is currently the president and CEO of Willstaff Worldwide. The ideal student to receive the scholarship would be a self-motivated individual with a desire to succeed, he said, preferably with an interest in business or accounting.

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Fans who attend games at these facilities will take a great sense of pride in the new look. Perhaps most importantly, the enhanced look of these facilities will make a positive impression on visitors who simply are taking a tour of the campus. These enhancements will further illustrate 'this is a first-class institution.'

Second Century Circle Visionaries (contributors of \$25,000 or more to the project), Second Century Circle Pioneers (contributors of \$10,000-\$24,999 to the project), and Second Century Circle Pillars (contributors of \$5,000-\$9,999 to the project) will receive naming rights to a pillar of their choice, recognition on an engraved plaque at every outdoor facility, recognition in all media

guides, game programs, and on the NSUDemons.com website for one year, and be the guests of honor at a project completion celebration and banquet to be held in Spring 2008.

For more information, contact Dr. William Broussard, executive director of the NSU Athletic Association, at 318 357-4295, or Burke, at 318 357-5251.

Matching Funds



Northwestern State University received \$120,000 in matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund to complete three endowed professorships, the Robert Huie Endowed Professorship in Nursing, the Bryant & Heloise Lewis Endowed Professorship in Business and Dr. Francisco A. Silva Endowed Professorship in Psychology. Shown at the check presentation are, from left, Louisiana Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie, Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Board of Regents member Scott Brame of Alexandria and Jimmy Long of Natchitoches, chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.



The Pi Chapter of Iota Lambda Sigma, a student engineering technology fraternity, created a scholarship to benefit an engineering technology student at Northwestern State University through a donation to the NSU Foundation. From left are fraternity charter member Lloyd Ponder (1949), long-time engineering professor and fraternity sponsor Dr. Raymond Christensen, Dr. Tom Hall, head of the Department of Engineering Technology, and Kevin McCotter.

Alumni Updates

1951

Jeff T. Hennessy is a retired professor (P.E.), married and lives in Broussard.

1952

James Kenneth Howard is a retired teacher, married and lives in Shreveport.

Jack T. Gaston is a physical therapy tech at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, married and lives in Flower Mound, Texas.

Marjorie White Tucker is employed by Rudy Tucker, Inc. as a real estate broker and lives in Prairieville.

1955

John M. Hicks is retired, married to Darlene Harms Hicks ('58) and lives in New Braunfels, Texas.

1959

Larry Gates is a retired associate professor and lives in Conway, Ark.

John David Moody is the manager of Desoto Builders, IMG and Finder Management, married and lives in Mansfield.

Lambert Wayne Beaty is retired, married and lives in Kilgore, Texas.

1960

(Mike) Michael E. Murphy is a certified financial planner for Raymond James Financial Services, married to Sylvia George Murphy ('60) and lives in Kenner.

Loyd J. Huval is a retired assistant professor, married and lives in Springfield.

Joe D. Cornett is a retired professor, married to Elayne Sutherlin Cornett ('60) and lives in Rogers, Ark.

1961

Paul M. Prince retired from Carthage ISD is married and lives in Timpson, Texas.

Charles M. Partin is a retired Col. USA, married and lives in Bossier City.

1962

Lora Golden Peacock is retired and lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Marie Blanchard Gahagan is a retired teacher and lives in Natchitoches.

1963

Joye Faye Vallery Synco is a retired teacher and lives in Homer.

Dr. Neil Smith is a neurologist and lives in Baton Rouge.

1966

Walter Wilson George is retired, married and lives in Bossier City.

1967

Earl G. Yeomans is retired and lives in Kenner.

Gary Johnson is employed by Raytheon as an engineering manager and lives in Solvang, Calif.

Marcia Dawson Medellin is a retired teacher, married and lives in Shreveport.

Carol Daniel is a tech communications manager at ESPRE Solutions and lives in Plano, Texas.

Sei Ito is retired and lives in Pensacola, Fla.

1968

David L. Bedard is a retired professor, married to Carol Grant Bedard ('72) and lives in Benton.

Catherine Wall Bass is an adjunct nutrition instructor for NSU (Internet Classes) and lives in Denton, Texas.

1969

Dr. Wayne Horn is head of submarine medicine and survival systems and lives in Norwich, Conn.

Johnny E. Manning is a purchasing agent for Boise Cascade and lives in Natchitoches.

1970

Cyndee Osborne Ranes is employed by the United States Small Business Administration as a supervisory loan officer and lives in Arlington, Texas.

1972

Glenda (Susie) Haynes Lenard is a math teacher at Ryan High School and lives in Denton, Texas.

Paul E. Tickenoff is a financial and health services planner for Tickenoff & Associates, married and lives in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Alumni Profile

Dr. Rodney Feazell (2002) is pursuing a career in the sciences that could lead to the development utilization of hydrogen as an alternative energy sources. Feazell, an inorganic chemist, is a professor of chemistry at California State University in Sacramento where he teaches general and advanced inorganic lecture and laboratory classes. His research interests involves creating small molecule models of enzymes that produce hydrogen, a project that could help take away the industrial costs of producing hydrogen and make it a competitive alternative with the production of fossil fuels.

"It's getting us away from petroleum," he explained. "The applications of nonpetroleum-based hydrogen are enormous."

Feazell has been working in this area 5-6 years and is currently getting a research program off the ground at CSU. The project is not his only experience in alternative energy research. As a graduate student at Baylor University, Feazell studied catalysis chemistry and photochemistry in which he explored how light can be harvested and turned into electricity and developed compounds that make this process more efficient.

A graduate of Montgomery High School, Feazell enrolled at NSU as a biology major intending to pursue a career in medicine.

"In my junior year, I took a chemistry class and realized I was going in the wrong direction," he said. "I changed my major and was running from there."

The applied research aspect of chemistry appealed to Feazell, whose high school did not offer chemistry classes. His professor and mentor at NSU, Dr. Martin Rudd, involved Feazell in the NSU-NASA JOVE (Joint Venture) program in which students receive a scholarship and work closely with scientists to develop research and analyze data.

"JOVE was great," he said. "It allowed me to be in the lab instead of having to work elsewhere."

After graduating from NSU, Feazell earned a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at Baylor, where he learned to operate the x-ray diffraction instrumentation for the department. This specialized skill, combined with a background in metal chemistry, filled a niche needed on a research team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he completed post-doctorate work. At MIT, he oversaw the operation of the Department of Chemistry Lippard Lab's x-ray diffraction and DNA synthesis facilities for scientists conducting cancer drug research.

Exploring alternative energy sources and green chemistry applications have been a conscious part of Feazell's research. His wife, Dr. Monica Feazell, also a scientist, works for an environmental company in Sacramento. The couple has an infant daughter, Sophia.



Alumni Profile

Jim Bridges (1985) is vice president and chief operations officer of EDS, for the Asia Pacific region. In this role, Bridges has operations responsibility for EDS activities in Greater China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand and India. Additionally, Bridges is CEO and chairman of DIS-EDS Limited, an EDS joint venture with Daewoo Informational Systems in South Korea. He is also a member of the board of directors for EDS Thailand. EDS provides a broad portfolio of business and technology solutions to help its clients worldwide improve their business performance. The company's core portfolio comprises information-technology, applications, business process services and information-technology transformation services.

According to Bridges, the 1980s was a pivotal and exciting time to join the emerging field of information systems.

"The Macintosh computer was just being launched, personal computers were just coming out, Windows was just being developed, the internet was making its first appearance in the public sector, cell phones were coming out, IT was moving from a back office function to an essential part of doing business," Bridges explained. "I don't think anyone could have conceived how the



advance of personal computing, embedded technology, the internet and wireless communications would converge to have the impact on business and our personal lives the way they have."

A native of Natchitoches, Bridges worked his way through college, but took advantage of the university from a supporter/spectator perspective.

"Going to NSU allowed me to hear visiting speakers, see theatre performances, go to the symphony, attend Demon athletic events and enjoy the NSU marching band," he said.

After graduating from NSU, Bridges joined EDS's Systems Engineering Development program.

"It was an intensive course of study focused on training us to use technology to solve business problems," he said. "My area of specialization was manufacturing. I had the opportunity to work in many of General Motors' plants and be a part of a team that built the Fort Wayne assembly plant from the ground up.

From there, Bridges moved from the technical jobs into a

management career path and was given the opportunity to be the account executive for Latin America Customer Experience, based in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he lived for five years. Following that, he lived for four years in Germany where he was the EDS client delivery executive for European Aftersales, followed by a three-year position in Detroit, Mich., as director of global sales service and marketing. Next, he moved to Shanghai, China, where he was the account executive for all of EDS's General Motors business in Asia Pacific. He is now in his second year in China in his current position as VP and COO for Asia Pacific operations.

Bridges' wife Judy works in the field of special education. They have three children, Benjamin and Alexis, who attend college in the U.S., and Audrey, who is a high school senior in Shanghai. Bridges is also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

During the 2007 Homecoming celebration at NSU, Bridges was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Distinction.

Faye Lenette Thornsberry Sheffield is retired, married and lives in Shreveport.

1973
Pamela Villemarette Mims is employed by Caddo Parish School Board as a teacher and lives in Shreveport.

Dr. Karon Crow Rilling is an executive principal for Austin ISD and

lives in Austin, Texas.

1975
Julie Talley Grooms is employed by the state of Louisiana as a computer tech and lives in Lake Charles.

1976
Karen Yeoman is employed by the Missouri Department of Transportation as an

area engineer and lives in Manchester, Mo.

Phyllis Mahfouz Matte is a lead accountant for Louisiana Workers Compensation Corp (LWCC) and lives in Baton Rouge.

Mike Tolar is employed at Louisiana Tech as an administrative applications programming

manager, married and lives in Minden.

1977
Valerie J. Andrews is an assistant professor at Loyola University and lives in Metairie.

1978
Ruth Dennis Farmer is employed by LifeWay Christian Stores as a manager and lives in

Temple, Texas.

Barbara McShane Stainback is the principal at Vernon Parish Optional School, married to Mike Stainback ('79) and lives in Leesville.

Martha G. Rivers Henderson is retired and lives in Zwolle.

1979
Allen H. Rasbury is a senior claims adjuster for Deep South and lives in Haughton.

Cynthia Braxton Briggs is the officer manager at Legal Services of North Louisiana and lives in Clarence.

1980
Lisa Kaye Wright Yerby is employed by the Winn Parish District Attorney as a child support specialist, married and lives in Winnfield.

Malvina Moreno Sanchez is the administrative superintendent at Petroterminal De Panama, S.A. and lives in Panama City.

1981
Dennis Tyler is a photography manager/estimator for Haggin Marketing, Inc. and lives in San Francisco, Calif.

Ron Thomas is the minister of education at Swartz First Baptist Church and lives in Monroe.

1982
Nancy Schmitz Edwards is an elementary teacher at Living Word Christian Academy, married and lives in Mansfield.

Dorothea Levenhagen is a registered nurse at USPHS and lives in Stem, N.C.

Lynne Martin Roberts is a teacher and softball coach at Ruston High School, married and lives in Ruston.

1983
Judi Abrusley is employed at Abrusley Law Office as an attorney and lives in Oakdale.

1984

Le Ann Gray Skinner is an assistant principal for Caddo Parish School System and lives in Stonewall.

Ron Cook is employed at American Airlines as a chief inspector and lives in Flower Mound, Texas.

1985

Kenneth Scott Ford is employed by Jefferson Parish Public School System as a business teacher and lives in Cabot, Ark.

1986

Wanda Huhner Ford is employed by Pulaski County Special School District as an English teacher and lives in Cabot, Ark.

1987

Francis Oyelowo is an auditor for the State of Texas, HHSC and lives in Leander, Texas.

Rev. Gordon Wayne Bridges is the minister of music at First Baptist Church Ruston and lives in Choudrant.

Lisa Richardson Gantt is employed by Dr. Mahmoud S. Khalil as a receptionist and lives in Bastrop.

1988

Dr. Mark A. Colomb is the president/CEO of My Brother's Keeper, Inc. and lives in Jackson, Miss.

1989

Jacquelyn Williams Russell is an adjudications officer for USDHS/USCIS, married and lives in Grand Prairie, Texas.

1990

Scott P. Buetow is a

logistics coordinator for Offshore Warriors and lives in Monroe.

Angela D. Ortega is an assistant basketball coach at UNC Charlotte and lives in Harrisburg, N.C.

1991

Heidi Sanford Operstein is employed by Bryan ISD as a first grade teacher and lives in Bryan, Texas.

Eric Urena is the owner of Talon Systems and lives in Grapevine, Texas.

1993

John D. Ray is an assistant attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice and lives in Baton Rouge.

Casey M. Reed is the owner/broker of Century 21 Spigener, married and lives in Shreveport.

1994

Laurie Coco Moreau is an accountant for Pathology Group of LA, married and lives in Port Allen.

Karyn Lankford Barrett is a rehab district supervisor at Louisiana Rehabilitation Services and lives in Oakdale.

Jennifer Zimmerle is employed by National Construction Rentals/National Rent-A-Fence in preferred Accounts and lives in Slidell.

Shannon Brummett Donaldson is the owner of Castlerock Mortgage Group and lives in Bossier City.

1995

Denise Pierce is a technical writer at

Pape-Dawson Engineers and lives in San Antonio.

Donald W. Horton is a senior manufacturing engineer at Alliance Compressors and lives in Provencal.

1996

DaShun Howard Baker is the advertising services manager for The Town Talk and lives in Pineville.

Kelle Hinson Lyles is a group benefits specialist I in the Office of Group Benefits, married and lives in Bunkie.

Melanie Sue Vaughn Coile is an assistant teacher at Humpty Dumpty Headstart, married and lives in Cotton Valley.

1997

Dr. Gayle Ann Alexander Juneau is the executive director of academic advising at the University of Nevada and lives in Henderson, Nev.

Heather H. Honore' is a graduate research assistant at Texas A&M University and lives in Bryan, Texas.

Joseph Parrie is a webmaster at NSU and lives in Natchitoches.

1998

Theresa Peterson is a youth services counselor for the state of Mississippi and lives in Gulfport, Miss.

1999

Angie Long Sexton is the owner of Environments Landscape Group, married and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

LaTarchau Harris is a middle school math

teacher and teaches developmental math at Bossier Parish Community College. She lives in Shreveport.

Melissa "Missy" Harris Stagg is a contract accounts receivable accounting tech at CLECO, married and lives in Pineville.

Jennifer Watts is employed by Motorola in motorola accessories and lives in Grayslake, Ill.

Paula Brown is teaching on a Naval Air Base in Sicily, Italy.

Deborah K. Moody is the general manager at Finance America Business Group and lives in Natchitoches.

2000

Daniel Paul Jackson is a PhD student at Auburn University, married and lives in Auburn, Ala.

Bujar T. Namani is a medic in the United States Air Force and stationed at Lackland, AFB.

Kelly Watkins is a musician in the United State Coast Guard Band and lives in Norwich, Conn.

Bryan Hunsaker is a medical service corps officer in the United States Army and lives in Harker Heights, Texas.

Paul R. Rome is employed at Amsouth Bank, married and lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Clarence Frank is the director of orchestras at David Crockett Middle School and lives in Seabrook, Texas.

In Memory

1938 Dewitt Talmadge Tarlton, Jr., Feb. 23, 2006

1946 Richard A. Guillory, Apr. 1, 2007

1951 Dr. Wilhelmena Wise, Natchitoches, Aug. 21, 2007

1958 Betty Lawrence Perkins, Shreveport, Sept. 9, 2007

1960 Linda Chaney Murphey, June 9, 2007

1961 Carroll P. Bennett, Aug. 3, 2007

1970 Cheri L. Hyde Massey, Shreveport, Oct. 14, 2007

1974 Jo Ann Gay, Apr. 2, 2007

1991 Nancy Delahoussaye

1994 Susan Renee Velez Rougeou, Deer Park, Texas, Aug. 24, 2007

2000 Lt. Cameron N. Hall, Natchitoches Aug. 15, 2007

2005 Dustin Thomas Dodson

2005 Malcolm Henry Villarrubia III, Mar. 19, 2007

Betty Perkins, Sept. 9, 2007

lives in Livingston.

2001

Robert L. Browning is a percussionist in the United States Air Force Band, married and lives in San Antonio.

Patricia Pratt Franks is a legal secretary at Dunahoe Law Firm, married and lives in Natchitoches.

Ramsen Sayad is a senior associate at Frost, Ruttenberg & Rothblatt and lives in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Kyle Brent Thomas is employed by the United States Navy as an information technology and investment budget director and lives in New Orleans.

Jill Morgan is an event coordinator for Time Warner and lives in Irving, Texas.

Christopher Taylor is a human resource manager for Ingram Barge Company, married and

2002

Melissa McMillin is an account manager at Bankruptcy Management Solutions, Inc, and lives in Natchitoches.

Crystal Robbins Roberts is a drug and alcohol therapist for Gulf Coast Mental Health and lives in Biloxi, Miss.

Sarah Willis Carson is a teacher and lives in Sulphur.

Brett Chiquet is a graduate student at UTHSC-Houston and lives in Houston, Texas.

Chad Christian Pyle is employed by Capital One Bank as a systems engineer, married and lives in Baton Rouge.

Kelly Rine Ramos is employed by Crest

LOOKING BACK



Through the efforts and contributions of alumni and N Club members, a lasting memorial was placed atop Turpin Stadium in September 1981.

The dedication of a 12-foot high N in memory of E.H. Gilson once again gave the campus a symbol to look up to. The first N was painted on the water tower built in 1933 and was symbolic of the spirit of the Normal School. As one former student who hitchhiked to Natchitoches said, "When I could see the N I knew I was in walking distance."

The trademark was removed in 1962 when the Physical Plant expanded. The new N, which was designed by Superneon of Shreveport, is 12 feet high, 10 feet wide, made of plexiglass, enamel and porcelain and was internally lit by fluorescent tubes. The one-ton monument was lifted to the top of the stadium by crane in time for the Sept. 12, 1981 football game against Angelo State.

Guess Who?

In 1969, the Northwestern Neptune Club was famous for its synchronized shows and diving group that annually performed a winter water show. Can you name these swimmers and divers? The first five readers to call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 will win a prize.

Congratulations to the following individuals who correctly identified Northwestern cheerleaders from 1965. They were kneeling Pam Rushing and Ann Kovar. Standing were Judy Gowland, Tommy Watson and Lynn Griffin.

Pat Luttrell--1968
Natchitoches, LA

Judy Gowland Edwards--1968
Baton Rouge, LA



Operations as an accountant and lives in Pineville.

2003
John Birch is a graduate assistant at James Madison University, married and lives in

Winchester, Va.
Lisa Lasyone Smith is the branch manager at WESTAFF and lives in Winnfield.

Lennie Gremillion Bordebon is a senior inter-

nal auditor at Century-Tel and lives in West Monroe.

2004
Amanda Owens is a graphic design assistant at BFA-Graphic Design and lives in

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The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band entertained the crowds at the Oct. 7 New Orleans Saints football game, opening a halftime show with Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, specially arranged for the Demon Band by Associate Director of Bands Kevin Richardson (1997). The show concluded with an arrangement of "When the Saints Go Marching In," with a fleur de lis formation, followed by a Saints spell-out. It was the third occasion for the band to entertain during a Saints game.

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